



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: Eric Labarriere et al.  
Serial No.: 10/584,165 Confirmation No.: 4739  
Filed: June 22, 2006  
For: TERMINAL END-PIECE FOR A FUEL ASSEMBLY  
HAVING AN ARRANGEMENT FOR MAINTAINING  
THE ENDS OF RODS AND CORRESPONDING  
ASSEMBLY  
Art Unit: 3663  
Examiner: Ricardo J. Palabrica  
Customer No.: 23280  
Atty. Docket: 12928/10033; 569.1019

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June 16, 2008

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2008 applicants hereby request reconsideration of the application based on the following remarks.